

REMARKS

Claims 41-75 are pending in the present application. Claim 72 has been amended.

Information Disclosure Statement

An Information Disclosure Statement has been filed concurrently herewith. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt of the Information Disclosure Statement, and to confirm that the documents submitted therewith have been considered and will be cited of record in the present application.**

Drawings

The drawings have been objected to as allegedly failing to comply with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), as including reference characters 65-67 in Fig. 9 that are not mentioned in the description. This objection to the drawings is respectfully traversed for the following reasons.

Figs. 9 of the present application is described in detail on page 19, in the second and third paragraphs. The second paragraph on page 19 has been amended to make clear reference to step 67. Applicants respectfully submit that the drawings are in compliance with 37 C.F.R. 1.84(p)(5), and thus respectfully urge the Examiner to withdraw this objection.

Also, four (4) Drawing Replacement Sheets have been filed concurrently herewith. **The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge receipt and acceptance of the Drawing Replacement Sheets.**

Specification

The disclosure has been objected to as allegedly failing to include specific description of Fig. 9 in the specification. However, as noted above, Fig. 9 is described in detail on page 19 of the present application. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection.

Claim Objections

Claim 72 has been objected to in view of the informality as listed on page 3 of the current Quayle Office Action. Claim 72 has been corrected in view of the concerns raised by the Examiner. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this objection to claim 72.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants respectfully note the Examiner's acknowledgment that claims 41-75 are allowed.

Conclusion

As noted above, claim 72 has been amended merely to correct the informality responsive to the objection raised in the current Quayle Office Action. Since claim 72 has been allowed, the above noted amendment clearly has been made merely for the purpose of improving form, rather than to further distinguish over any of the relied upon prior art. Accordingly, the above noted amendment should not be construed as narrowing scope within the meaning of *Festo*.

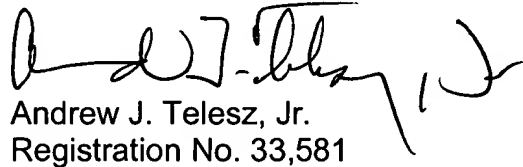
The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the corresponding objections, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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